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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Akira Hashimoto : Art Unit:  
Serial No.: To Be Assigned : Examiner:  
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FOR: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING CERAMIC :  
SUBSTRATE :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

After the title and before the first paragraph, please insert the following paragraph:

A THIS APPLICATION IS A U.S. NATIONAL PHASE APPLICATION OF PCT  
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PCT/JP01/04818.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

A-2 Please delete pages "10/11" and "11/11" of the drawings, also labeled as "Reference numerals in the drawings" in its entirety.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 3, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, and 17-19 with the following amended  
claims:

3. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

A-3 forming a via-conductor through forming a through-hole in the un-sintered green sheet;  
and